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FOLLOWING IS FBIS QUOTING CAIRO DOMESTIC SERVICE IN
ARABIC AT 1900 GMT JULY 15. BEGIN TEXT:

1. ISMAIL FAHMI, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER
HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TONIGHT IN
WHICH HE SAID THAT HE HAS ADDRESSED A LETTER TO THE UN
SECRETARY GENERAL IN WHICH HE SAID THAT PRESIDENT ANWAR
AS-SADAT HAD DECIDED TO OPEN THE SUEZ CANAL TO INTERNATIONAL
SHIPPING IN ORDER TO DEFUSE THE EXPLOSIVE SITUATION.
PRESIDENT AS-SADAT HAD ORDERED THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A
COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM TO RECONSTRUCT THE TOWNS OF THE SUEZ
CANAL, AND IN FACT, THAT CITIZENS FROM THIS AREA RETURNED
TO THEIR HOMES.

2. ALL OF THESE DECISIONS WERE UNDOUBTEDLY PRACTICAL STEPS
WHICH THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT TOOK TO ENCOURAGE AND TURN THE
WHEEL OF PEACE. IN ADDITION TO THIS, THE EGYPTIAN GOVERN-
MENT DECIDED TO RENEW THE TERM OF THE UNEF FORCES FOR AN
ADDITIONAL 3 MONTHS SO THAT THE PEACE EFFORTS WOULD BE
GIVEN EVERY POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY.

3. HOWEVER, IT WAS CLEAR FROM THE OUTSET THAT THE EGYPTIAN
GOVERNMENT, IN ACCEPTING RESOLUTION NO. 340 OF 1973, AND
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IN DECLARING ITS READINESS TO COOPERATE IN THIS REGARD, HAD

STRESSED THE TEMPORARY NATURE AND TASK OF THE UNEF AS A FIRST STEP TOWARD THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS.

4. DESPITE THE FACT THAT THIS IDEA WAS THE BASIS OF ALL THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS, ISRAEL HAS EXPLOITED THE PREVAILING RELATIVE CALM TO PERPETUATE ITS OCCUPATION INSTEAD OF SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS AIMED AT ESTABLISHING A LASTING PEACE. THEREFORE, WE MUST POINT OUT THAT SINCE NO OTHER STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TOWARD PEACE, EGYPT CANNOT GO ALONG WITH ISRAEL'S IDEA OF THE WISDOM OF THE EMERGENCY FORCE. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S EXTENSION OF THE FORCE'S MANDATE WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSE OF FORMING THE FORCE, AS LONG AS THE CALM IS MEANT TO BE TURNED INTO STAGNATION AND CONTINUATION OF THE OCCUPATION. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR EGYPT TO ACCEPT ANY MEASURE THAT COULD LEAD TO THE CONTINUATION OF THE OCCUPATION OF ITS TERRITORY. WHILE NOT AGREEING TO EXTEND THE MANDATE OF THE EMERGENCY FORCE, EGYPT IS NOT AGAINST THE SOUND USE OF IT.

5. EGYPT REJECTS ISRAEL'S USE OF THE EMERGENCY FORCE AND ITS PRESENCE AS A MEANS OF PRESERVING THE STATE OF NO WAR, NO PEACE, AND CONTINUATION OF ISRAELI OCCUPATION OF EGYPTIAN TERRITORY IN VIOLATION OF THE PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE FIXED BASIC RULES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.

6. CONCLUDING HIS MESSAGE TO THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL, ISMAIL FAHMI SAID: EGYPT DOES NOT PREVENT THE COUNCIL FROM ACTING WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UN CHARTER, SO THAT ISRAEL WOULD NOT MISINTERPRET THE PRESENCE OF THE EMERGENCY FORCES ON THE PHILOSOPHY BEHIND IT. THESE FORCES WERE FORMED TO SERVE THE CAUSE OF PEACE IN THIS EXTREMELY STRATEGIC AND SENSITIVE AREA.

7. FAHMI ASKED THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL TO CONVEY THIS

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LETTER TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. END TEXT. INGERSOLL

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